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SUBJECT: GUERILLA ACTIVITY IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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1.SUMMARY: A SIGNIFICANT GOTT SUCCESS YESTERDAY AGAINST "GUERILLAS" OPERATING IN THE HILLS MAY RPT MAY PRESAGE THE EARLY DESTRUCTION OF THE MOVEMENT, ALTHOUGH THE PROBLEMS LEADING TO IT WILL PERSIST. END SUMMARY.

2. A COMBINED POLICE/ARMY OPERATION OF OVER 200 MEN SEPTEMBER 13 CAPTURED A PRINCIPAL FORTIFIED NATIONAL UNITED FREEDOM FIGHTERS (NUFF) "GUERILLA" CAMP LOCATED BETWEEN LOPINOT AND THE CAURA ROAD IN THE NORTHERN RANGE. EARLY REPORTS INDICATE THAT ONE MAN WAS KILLED, TWO WERE BELIEVED WOUNDED, AND A MAN AND WOMAN WERE CAPTURED. AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF "GUERILLAS" ESCAPED. THE CAMP CONTAINED ARMS, AMMUNITIONS, FOOD, CLOTHING AND REVOLUTIONARY LITERATURE.

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3. THE PRESENT "GUERRILLA" ACTIVITY HAS ITS ORIGINS IN THE BLACK POWER DEMONSTRATIONS OF 1970. SINCE THE DEMONSTRATIONS A FEW MILITANTS HAVE CONTINUED IN THE NATIONAL JOINT ACTION COMMITTEE (NJAC), A GROUP BASED ON BLACK RACISM WITHOUT IDEOLOGICAL GOALS. OTHER VIOLENCE PRONE YOUNG BLACKS DRIFTED INTO BADITRY, JUSTIFYING THEIR ROBBERIES AS POLITICAL ACTS AGAINST THE CAPITALIST ESTABLISHMENT.

4. A DARING BANK HOLDUP LAST FEBRUARY 22 BY A BAND CALLING ITSELF NUFF OPENED A NEW PHASE. ALTHOUGH FOUR OF THE ROBBERS WERE LATER TRACKED DOWN AND SHOT, THE LEADERS ESCAPED WITH MOST OF THE BANK'S TT \$127,000. APPARENTLY LED BY GUY HAREWOOD AND BRIAN JEFFERS, WHO HAVE BEEN ON THE POLICE MOST WANTED LIST FOR CRIMES COMMITTED DURING THE 1970 DEMONSTRATIONS, NUFF ORGANIZED THE NUCLEUS OF AN INSURGENT MOVEMENT. NUFF GREW TO ABOUT 30 FULL TIME ACTIVISTS ROUGHLY DIVIDED INTO TWO GROUPS IN HIDDEN FORTIFIED CAMPS IN THE NORTHERN RANGE AND IN THE SOUTH TRINIDAD FORESTS. DURING RECENT MONTHS NUFF HAS GAINED ATTENTION THROUGH A RAID ON AN ISOLATED POLICE STATION, THE BOMBING OF TEXTEL RELAY STATION, AND A SERIES OF ROBBERIES

AND POSSIBLY OTHER INCIDENTS (REFTELS).

5. NUFF ALSO HAS AN UNKNOWN BUT SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF SUPPORTERS AND SYMPATHIZERS IN TOWN. ITS MIMEOGRAPHED ANNOUNCEMENTS CLAIM A SOCIALIST SOCIETY IN T&T AS ITS ULTIMATE GOAL TO BE ACHIEVED BY DESTROYING THE POWER OF "THE MAN", DEFINED AS U.S. IMPERIALIST MONOPOLY CAPITALISM, AND HIS "PUPPET REGIME". WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE THAT NUFF HAS RECEIVED SUPPORT FROM OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY.

6. THE AREAS OF RUGGED TERRAIN ARE NOT EXTENSIVE AND THROUGH A VIRTUAL MILITARY CAMPAIGN THE POLICE AND REGIMENT WERE ABLE TO RUN DOWN INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE GROUP, ESPECIALLY WHEN NUFF GREW IN SIZE AND BEGAN TO BE MORE ACTIVE. YESTERDAY'S SUCCESS WILL CERTAINLY SLOW DOWN NUFF AND MAY WELL LEAD TO FURTHER CAPTURES AND ITS DISBANDING. HOWEVER, SOCIAL DISCONTENT, THE PERCEIVED ABSENCE OF POLITICAL CHOICE, THE PREVALENCE OF ARMED VIOLENCE WITHIN THE SOCIETY, AND THE EXAMPLE OF POLITICAL EXTREMISTS ELSEWHERE WILL CONTINUE

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TO PROVIDE FERTILE GROUND FOR THOSE ADVOCATING POLITICAL CHANGE BY VIOLENCE.

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